

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 to read as follows:

Sub B
1 (Amended). A method for inhibiting the growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* and toxic shock syndrome toxin-1 in liquids in contact with infants, said method comprising the step of:

diapering the infant with a dry diaper comprising an effective amount of an antimicrobial compound selected from the group consisting of tetrahydroiso-alpha acids, hexahydro-beta acids, and mixtures thereof.

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2 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein said diaper is a disposable diaper, and said method inhibits toxic stress syndrome.

3 (Amended). The method of claim 2, wherein said compound is applied to the diaper dissolved in a liquid selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, propylene glycol, glycerin, polyglycols, and mixtures thereof, and said diaper is subsequently dried so as to be dry to the touch.

Sub A
4 (Amended). A dry diaper containing an antimicrobial compound selected from the group consisting of tetrahydroiso-alpha acids, hexahydro-beta acids, and mixtures thereof, said antimicrobial compound being effective against toxic shock syndrome.

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6 (Amended). A cleansing wet wipe comprising an antimicrobial compound effective against toxic shock syndrome toxin-1, said compound selected from the group consisting of tetrahydroiso-alpha acids, hexahydro-beta acids, and mixtures thereof, in a liquid selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, propylene glycol, glycerine, polyglycols, and mixtures thereof.